

BOCHES ARE 'YELLOW,' SAYS PHILADELPHIAN

Harry G. Cornfeld Writes He Is Convinced German Armies Are Beaten

Germans are "yellow" and the Teuton armies are beaten, according to Harry G. Cornfeld, of Headquarters Company, Eleventh Infantry, who has seen sufficient to confirm his statements.

Cornfeld has written a long letter to Walter J. Rosenberg, secretary of the Smith, Kline & French, Soldiers' Club, describing many of his experiences in France. Cornfeld was employed by the company before he enlisted.

"During the last three weeks," he writes, "I have learned more about war than I have learned in the last four years. War might be what Sherman said it was, but the average fellow can stand it. The more I see of the German army, the more I am convinced that the German army is beaten, and nearly every German is 'yellow.'"

"I have seen and still see American boys lying dead in fields and along the roads, and not a few American graves. The dead are buried as soon as possible. When I see these boys it makes me wonder whether there still exists in the States that same bunch of pacifists and pro-Germans that existed before we left, or whether there is still one person who would be willing to deal with a live German on an equal basis.

"I was in a large and once beautiful French city only about twelve hours after the Germans had hurriedly retreated, and it was shameful to see the damage done to harmless French homes of no military value whatever. The place had been bombarded by Allied artillery, but only places of military importance were shelled. All the damage done to the houses was from the inside. Furniture, bedding, food, paintings, jewelry, clothing, kitchen utensils, draperies and other things of value were either carried off or cut up and destroyed and scattered over the streets.

"I forgot to tell you that some of the boys get fresh milk every day. You see, when you first come into a sector decorated by the enemy, you get anything from safety pins and women's socks to automobiles, cows and goats, and a number of companies having wagon trains catch a cow and a few goats and have them trailing after a wagon whenever they move."

SOLDIER RAPIDLY PROMOTED

Philadelphian Rises From Private at Meade to Lieutenant

Here is a record of the rapid promotion of Lieutenant Gustav A. Flick, 2548 North Water street, since last November:

November: Drafted November 1 and sent to Camp Meade; from there he was transferred to a headquarters company. Promoted to corporal February 11. Promoted to sergeant March 11. Promoted to lieutenant March 22. Went overseas May 22, and after three months in an officers' training camp in France was commissioned lieutenant on October 1.

Lieutenant Flick attended the Kensington schools and was a member of Union Tabernacle church. He attended night classes at Northeast Manual Training High School, and then took a position as a clerk with the American Engineering Company. He was in the employ of the company five years before he entered the army service. Flick was elected president of the Buffalo Club of Buffalo, N. Y.

JOBS OPEN FOR CRIPPLES

U. S. Labor Bureau Placing Maimed Men in Good Positions

The United States Labor Employment Service is calling for more applicants. About thirty one-armed, and one-legged men and those otherwise handicapped have been placed in positions. Men with one leg are often put to work on lathes; one-armed men find positions as watchmen for buildings and switch crossings. The demand for such men has been so great that the department has exhausted its list of applicants. Their pay has ranged from \$75 to \$80 a month.

This department is in charge of K. M. Coulbough, 1521 Arch street. The serious shortage of caskets and of labor in establishments making burial goods, especially in the section east of Pittsburgh, has caused A. W. Clapp, chief of labor section, priorities division, to notify the employment service that manufacturers of such goods are placed on the preference list, Class 4.

FIFTH WARD CASES MONDAY

Judges Fix Date for Arguments in New Trial Motion

Argument for a new trial of Isaac Deutsch, Vore leader of the Fifth Ward; Police Lieutenant David Bennett and their co-defendants in the Fifth Ward conspiracy case will be heard Monday next by the Chester County court. This date was fixed yesterday by Judges Butler and Haase. Judge Haase was the trial judge when the defendants were convicted on both indictments presented against them.

The Board of Health of Chester County prohibited a session of the criminal court because of the influenza epidemic, but the court decided argument in the Fifth Ward case might go on. J. Paul McGuire, of counsel for the defense, was instructed by the court to inform William A. Gray, chief counsel for the defense, of the date set. Mr. McGuire is convalescent from an attack of influenza. Assistant District Attorney Joseph H. Tauline is prepared to present the Commonwealth's side of the argument.

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SON DECORATED; NEWS FINDS MOTHER DEAD

De Forest Egner Wrote to Her When He Received Croix de Guerre

Nearly two months after his mother's death, a letter was received today from De Forest L. Egner, a private in the United States ambulance service, informing her that he had been decorated with the Croix de Guerre.

The young man, a half brother after the death of his mother, was killed in action on September 24, 1917, and his body was never recovered. His mother, Mrs. C.W. Neeld, died August 25, 1917, and his father, C.W. Neeld, died August 25, 1917.

In his letter, addressed to "my dear mother," Egner wrote: "It was yesterday afternoon that I was told that I was to be decorated with twelve others from the division. It certainly was a surprise to me. I knew that some of our boys were going to be cited, but as for me, I never gave it a thought. Besides the thirteen individuals, the section, No. 563, also was cited, which allows us to have the Croix de Guerre pinned on our caps."

The young soldier described how several regiments formed a hollow square and how a French general conferred decorations on various commands, including two American regiments, after leading the American army for its victory and the inspiration it brought to the Allied arms.

"After the general was through," Egner continued, "then came ours. Our names were called out and we stepped to the front and formed a line facing the rest of the section. We were decorated by the Medecin Divisionnaire, who is over all the medical work of the division. As he came to each one, our French lieutenant read aloud the citation of each one in French. So thirteen of us had the Croix de Guerre pinned on our left breast."

He closed his letter with the statement, "May God let His face shine upon you, mother, and give you peace and health, now and forever more."

Silent as to Bravery
Nowhere in the six-page, censored letter did he even hint at the acts of heroism which won the war cross for himself and twelve companions.

Private Egner is twenty-three years old and enlisted in May of last year. He was a Northeast High School student and was employed as a designer, when he answered the call to the colors. His father, Allan D. Egner, wrote him August 26, informing him of his mother's death, but the letter evidently had not been delivered a month later.

E. F. HAWTHORNE BURIED

Soldier Well Known in Theatrical Circles Pneumonia Victim

E. Frank Hawthorne, Company E, Excavation Hospital, Camp Street, widely known in fraternal and theatrical circles, was buried yesterday afternoon from his home, 2209 South Feltz street. Hawthorne caught cold on a hike several days ago. He developed pneumonia, which caused his death.

He was a member of Krants & Hawthorne, of the Parkway Building, and was thirty-five years old. He was a thirty-second degree member of Hamilton Lodge No. 274, and was prominently identified with numerous other fraternal organizations.

"MORE COAL"—PERSHING

Commander Says Larger Production Will Hurry Peace

"The more coal you produce the sooner we shall have peace," is the summary of a cablegram dispatched by General John J. Pershing, and received by State Fuel Administrator William Potter.

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MEN FROM THE JAILS VALIANT AS FIGHTERS

Woodbury Youth Writes of Bravery of Italian Arditi

Wonderous tales of the valor of the Arditi, assault troops of the Italian army, who go over the top with grenades in either hand and knives in their teeth, are contained in a letter written from the Balkan front by Louis B. Moffett, Jr., of Woodbury, N. J., a private in the United States ambulance corps.

The letter was written to his father, Louis B. Moffett, Sr., head of Pierce Business College.

According to Private Moffett, some of the Arditi are recruited from the Italian jails, yet their feats of bravery have been such that today they are the idols of the Italian populace and nothing is too good for fighting them.

Likening the predicament of those hearing an approaching shell to that of a person in a railroad tunnel, aware of an oncoming train without knowing its direction, Moffett tells in a graphic manner of the feelings of the soldiers when a projectile is coming toward them. Its scream can be heard a mile distant, and one has plenty of time to hunt cover, he says, but no one knows in which direction to run.

"One soon learns to watch the Italians," he writes. "I think they can hear the Austrians put the shells in the gun, for you will be walking along and notice there isn't an Italian in sight. Then is the time for you to hunt a hole."

SENTRY FORGETS HIS FORMULA

Philadelphia Boy Too Nervous in Dark to Continue Quiz

A chance meeting at night between two Philadelphia boys, one of them apparently "a little nervous," on the outskirts of Camp Greenleaf, Pa., is related by David Miller, a corporal, in a letter received from him yesterday by members of his family.

"We have mostly all new soldiers here," Corporal Miller wrote, "and they have to do their share of guard duty. I had occasion one night to go to see our sergeant over the hill about half a mile. It was pitch dark and guard duty is nerve-racking to one who is not accustomed to it."

A guard told me to "halt," and I stopped. He was nervous, so I asked, "Don't you know what to say?" (He's supposed to ask, "Who's there?") "No," he answered. "I just came in from Philadelphia last Friday."

"Then I walked up and found that he was from the northeastern section of the city. When I told him who I was he said a friend had asked him to look me up when he got to camp."

FIRST VENANGO MAN SLAIN

S. A. Lanard, Cousin of Fencible Chief, in France a Month

Private Samuel A. Lanard, unofficially reported killed in action September 22, was the first resident of Venango, in the northeastern part of the city, to die in battle.

Lanard was a twenty-seven-year-old, and lived at 522 S. Richmond street. He was a cousin of Major Thomas S. Lanard, commander of the State Fencibles.

The young man entered the service in February and had been in France a month. He trained at Camp Meade and was a member of Company A, 313th Infantry. His parents last week received a letter from him dated September 19. Today they were notified of his death in action.

DRAFT ORDERS IN GRIP CASES

Major Murdock Takes Precaution Against Spreading Disease

Major W. G. Murdock, State draft officer, has issued a notice to local boards that they may suspend mailing of questionnaires if, in their opinion, the mailing would spread influenza. Major Murdock has also cautioned boards to see that records are kept where registrants have died from influenza or complications during the epidemic. He also asks them to see that proper classification is given to registrants whose status may have been changed by deaths of dependents or by deaths of persons whose duties entail obligations upon men of draft age.

A number of local boards have telegraphed that they have been unable to proceed with classifications owing to the epidemic and their medical members being engaged in caring for sick people in their districts.

Major Murdock has congratulated local board No. 12, of Philadelphia, which has not only completed classification, but raised \$121,990 subscriptions for Liberty Bonds among its registrants.

4500 PUT IN STUDENT CORPS

Many Pennsylvania Draft Registrants Inducted by War Dept.

More than 4500 Pennsylvania young men have been inducted into student army training corps established in the thirty-three colleges and normal schools of Pennsylvania by the War Department, according to figures compiled at State draft headquarters.

Three of the State normal schools—West Chester, Indiana and Mansfield—have opened classes. It is expected this number will be increased within the next ten days.

UNCANNY SHELLS PURSUED CITY SOLDIER ALMOST HOME

A. J. Seeman Wounded at Chateau Thierry, Hit When Being Carried to Hospital and Was in Bombed Area; Then U-Boat Attacked

THERE is one returned soldier in this city who believes he was singled out on all occasions by German guns and German frightfulness.

He is Anthony Joseph Seeman, the first Syrian in the American army to be invalided home to Philadelphia. Seeman enlisted July 19, 1917, when he was only eighteen years old, though he claimed to be nearly twenty.

May of this year saw him in France, June found him in the trenches, and when the Germans started their July push Seeman saw his company dwindling away beside him.

When the Americans made their brilliant advance at Chateau Thierry the young Syrian's run of ill luck commenced.

July 28 he received three wounds, one in his thigh, one in his back and a two-inch piece of shrapnel in his body. In addition, a particularly loud explosion burst one eardrum. To complete his day's misfortunes Seeman was gassed.

Half unconscious, he was carried back, but a German airplane bombed the stretcher on which he lay, and he and his bearers had to take refuge in a dugout just captured from the Germans. When Seeman was finally deposited in a hospital behind the lines at Chateau Thierry, he found himself still pursued by German bullets. The hospital was bombed and men on either side of him were killed. Seeman himself wonders how he survived the experience.

Convinced, he was taken to Paris and arrived there just in time to see the last bombardment of that city by the long-range German gun on August 6. Even once away from French shores Seeman was still in danger, as his ship was attacked by six submarines and a sister convoy was torpedoed.

Seeman told of seeing one German boy—not more than sixteen, who showed himself above the German trenches begging to be captured. It was learned that this boy was born in America and had been forced into the German army against his will. His mother had told him to surrender to the Americans at the first opportunity and he did so after he had been in the trenches just one hour.

Seeman, though the son of Syrian



ANTHONY J. SEEMAN

parents, was born in Marseilles, France, but was brought in the next few months to this country.

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